

Claim Amendments:

Kindly amend the claims in the present application to read as follows:

1 to 6 (cancelled)

7. (new) A small-diameter resin twisted brush comprising:

a plurality of resin filaments;

at least two resilient resin stem rods;

said plurality of resin filaments being clamped between said at least two resilient resin stem rods;

said at least two resilient resin stem rods being twisted about one another, thereby forming said brush with helical bristles formed by said plurality of resin filaments extending radially from said at least two twisted resilient resin stem rods,

whereby said small-diameter resin twisted brush is capable of adapting to deformed conditions and of recovering an initial shape.

8. (new) A small-diameter resin twisted brush as claimed in claim 7 wherein said at least two resilient resin stem rods includes at least one thermally fusible resin filament rod,

whereby said at least one thermally fusible resin filament rod is fused during manufacture of said small-diameter resin twisted brush to firmly hold said plurality of resin filaments between said at least two twisted resilient resin stem rods, and to prevent said at least two twisted resilient resin stem rods from detwisting.

9. (new) A small-diameter resin twisted brush as claimed in claim 7 wherein said at least two resilient resin stem rods are coated with a thermally fusible resin material,

whereby said thermally fusible resin material is fused during manufacture of said small-diameter resin twisted brush to firmly hold said plurality of resin filaments between said at least two twisted resilient resin stem rods, and to prevent said at least two twisted resilient resin stem rods from detwisting.

10. (new) A small-diameter resin twisted brush as claimed in claim 7 wherein said at least two resilient resin stem rods are color-coded with a pigmented resin to indicate the size of said helical bristles.

11. (new) A small-diameter resin twisted brush as claimed in claim 7 wherein ends of said at least two resilient resin stem rods adjacent to said helical bristles are smoothed to remove sharp edges.

12. (new) A small-diameter resin twisted brush manufactured in a process comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of resin filaments;

providing at least two resilient resin stem rods with a thermally fusible resin material;

clamping said plurality of resin filaments between said at least two resilient resin stem rods;

twisting said at least two resilient stem rods about one another; and

melting said thermally fusible resin material.

13. (new) A small-diameter resin twisted brush as claimed in claim 12 wherein said thermally fusible resin material as in the form of at least one thermally fusible resin filament rod.

14. (new) A small-diameter resin twisted brush as claimed in claim 12 wherein said thermally fusible resin material is a coating on at least one of said resilient resin stem rods.

15. (new) A small-diameter resin twisted brush as claimed in claim 12 wherein said process further comprises the step of smoothing the ends of said at least two resilient resin stem rods adjacent to said plurality of resin filaments to remove sharp edges.

16. (new) A small-diameter resin twisted brush as claimed in claim 12 wherein said process further comprises the step of cutting a continuously manufactured brush at fixed intervals to produce brushes of desired length.

17. (new) A small diameter resin twisted brush as claimed in claim 12 wherein said process further comprises the step of color-coding the size of said resin filaments by including a pigmented resin in said at least two resilient resin stem rods.